

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims, as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A homepage creation and update program tool, which causes a plurality of image files to be displayed, and allows a user to select a desired image and to indicate one of a homepage creation and a homepage update using the selected desired image, wherein the homepage creation and update program tool causes a computer to execute the functions of:

displaying a plurality of stored images and allowing the user to select a one or more desired images;

allowing the user to indicate a beginning of a homepage creation process, including, if a new homepage is being created, allowing the user to select a layout format;

automatically performing the one of the creation and the update of a homepage using the desired image after the one or more desired images is are selected and the beginning of the homepage creation process is indicated by the user; and,

~~arranging~~, when the user selects a plurality of desired images and indicates beginning of the homepage creation process, the selected plurality of images are sequentially presented individually in a predetermined order to said user to allow said user to add comments before a homepage format of said image is generated that will automatically place said image into said selected layout format, if a new homepage is being created, or into an existing homepage layout, if an existing homepage is being updated, automatically, according to image information stored in each image file by a camera.

2. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update program tool according to claim 1, wherein the ~~homepage creation and update program tool~~ causes the computer to further execute the function of:

arranging, sequential presentation of the desired images is based on an order that
~~when~~ the user selects a the plurality of desired images and indicates beginning of the homepage creation process, the selected plurality of images thereby being automatically sequentially presented to said user in one of an order of the user's selection and a reverse order of the user's selection ~~automatically performing the one of creation and update of the~~ homepage.

3. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update program tool according to claim 1, wherein the sequential presentation of the desired images is based on image information stored in each image file for the arranging comprises at least one of image width, image height, image direction, image resolution, trimming, and zooming.

4. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update program tool according to claim 1, wherein the homepage creation and update program tool causes the computer to further execute the function of:

performing, when the user selects a plurality of desired images and indicates beginning of the homepage creation process, the one of the creation and the update of the homepage, which displays the images with the photographing information stored in each image file, the photographing information concerning at least one of date and time, photographer, title, image width, image height, compression mode of a stored image, shutter

speed, contraction value, brightness value, light exposure correction value, minimum stop-down value of lens, object distance, photometry method, flash emission conditions, photographing location, photographing direction, and comment information.

5. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update program tool according to claim 1, wherein the homepage creation and update program tool causes the computer to further execute the functions of:

displaying, when the user selects the desired image and indicates beginning of the homepage creation process, a screen editor homepage; and

selecting an image on the screen editor homepage, and then moving the image location and changing the image size.

6. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update program tool according to claim 1, wherein the homepage creation and update program tool causes the computer to further execute the function of:

automatically transmitting the homepage, which is one of created and updated by the homepage creation and update program tool, to a specified server.

7. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update program tool according to claim 6, wherein the homepage creation and update program tool causes the computer to further execute the function of:

creating and updating an index part concerning the homepage transmitted to the specified server.

8. (Currently amended) A homepage creation and update program tool, which is started up on an image viewer screen that displays a plurality of image files and uses of the plurality of image files and allows a user to select a desired image and a use of the selected desired image, wherein the homepage creation and update program tool causes a computer to execute the functions of:

displaying a plurality of stored images and allowing the user to select a desired image;

if a new homepage is to be generated, displaying a plurality of homepage layout formats and allowing the user to select a layout;

displaying a use of homepage creation and allowing the user to indicate beginning of homepage creation process;

automatically performing one of creation and update of a homepage using the desired image after the desired image is selected and the beginning of homepage creation process is indicated by the user; and

~~arranging~~, when the user selects a plurality of desired images and indicates beginning of the homepage creation process, the selected plurality of images, ~~automatically, according to image information stored in each image file by a camera~~ are sequentially presented individually in an order to said user to allow said user to add comments before a homepage format of said image is generated that will automatically place said image into said selected layout format, if a new homepage is being created, or an existing homepage layout, if an existing homepage is being updated.

9. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update program tool according to claim 8, wherein ~~the homepage creation and update program causes the computer to further execute the function of:~~

arranging, when the user selects a plurality of desired images and indicates beginning of the homepage creation process, the selected plurality of images are automatically sequentially presented to the user in one of an order of the user's selection and automatically performing the one of creation and update of the homepage and a reverse order of the user's selection.

10. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update program tool according to claim 8, wherein the selected plurality of images are automatically sequentially presented to the user in an order based on image information stored in each image file ~~for the arranging comprises~~ , said image information comprising at least one of image width, image height, image direction, image resolution, trimming, and zooming.

11. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update program tool according to claim 8, wherein the homepage creation and update program tool causes the computer to further execute the function of:

performing, when the user selects a plurality of desired images and indicates beginning of the homepage creation process, the one of the creation and the update of the homepage, which displays the images with the photographing information stored in each image file, the photographing information concerning at least one of date and time, photographer, title, image width, image height, compression mode of a stored image, shutter

speed, contraction value, brightness value, light exposure correction value, minimum stop-down value of lens, object distance, photometry method, flash emission conditions, photographing location, photographing direction, and comment information.

12. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update program tool according to claim 8, wherein the homepage creation and update program causes the computer to further execute the functions of:

displaying, when the user selects the desired image and indicates beginning of the homepage creation process, a screen editor homepage; and

selecting an image on the screen editor homepage, and then moving the image location and changing the image size.

13. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update program tool according to claim 8, wherein the homepage creation and update program tool causes the computer to further execute the function of:

automatically transmitting the homepage, which is one of created and updated by the homepage creation and update program, to a specified server.

14. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update program tool according to claim 13, wherein the homepage creation and update program tool causes the computer to further execute the function of:

creating and updating an index part concerning the homepage transmitted to the specified server.

15. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update ~~program~~ tool of claim 1, wherein said image information stored in each image file and used for said automatically arranging comprises incidental information that is transmitted by an electronic camera along with image data for an image.

16. (Currently amended) The homepage creation and update ~~program~~ tool of claim 8, wherein said image information stored in each image file and used for said automatically arranging comprises incidental information that is transmitted by an electronic camera along with image data for an image.

17. (Currently amended) A method of at least one of automatically creating and automatically updating a homepage, said method comprising:

allowing a user to select a homepage layout format, if a new homepage is to be generated;

allowing a user to display a plurality of stored images;

allowing the user to select one or more desired images from the plurality of stored images;

~~allowing the user to select one of an image information stored in each image file;~~

~~allowing the user to indicate a beginning of a homepage creation process; and~~

automatically performing one of a creation and an update of a homepage, using the selected desired images after the beginning of the homepage creation process is indicated by the user, wherein the selected plurality of images are automatically presented sequentially to

the user arranged according to one of a sequence that the images are selected by the user and an order based on the selected image information stored in each image file by a the camera, to allow said user to add comments to the images, and

each said selected image is then automatically placed into a homepage format such as to be in said selected homepage layout format, if a new homepage is being generated, or in an existing homepage layout format, if said selected images are being added to an existing homepage.

18. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein said image information stored in each image file and used for said automatically arranging comprises incidental information that is transmitted by ~~an electronic~~ the camera along with image data for an image.

19. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the image information stored in each image file for the arranging comprises information stored in a tag of an Exchangeable Image File (EXIF) format.

20. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 17, further comprising:
performing, when the user selects a plurality of desired images and indicates a beginning of the homepage creation process, the one of the creation and the update of the homepage, which initially displays the desired images along with photographing information stored in each image file, the photographing information concerning at least one of date and time, photographer, title, image width, image height, compression mode of a stored image,

shutter speed, contraction value, brightness value, light exposure correction value, minimum stop-down value of lens, object distance, photometry method, flash emission conditions, photographing location, photographing direction, and comment information, and said image information used for automatically arranging said desired images comprises one or more of said photographing information, as selected by said user.

21. (New) The homepage creation and update tool of claim 1, further comprising a menu bar comprising a menu selection button for entering into said automatically performing a creation/ update of a homepage,

wherein the automatic homepage creation/update comprises a transmission of the homepage creation/update in a format of a start-up command and a sequential listing of images.

22. (New) The homepage creation and update tool of claim 1, further comprising a capability to move an image to a desired position during a homepage creation/update process.

23. (New) The homepage creation and update tool of claim 21, further comprising a homepage creation menu including menu buttons to allow said user to select one of a new homepage creation process, an image addition process to an existing homepage, and a modification processing of an existing homepage.

24. (New) The homepage creation and update tool of claim 1, wherein said tool transmits data of a homepage creation/update to a server accessible to said tool via an internet.

25. (New) The homepage creation and update tool of claim 24, further comprising a menu bar having an upload button to at least one of store file data containing homepage contents into a storage device associated with said tool and upload said homepage contents to a server at a service center accessible to said tool via an internet.

26. (New) The homepage creation and update tool of claim 1, further comprising an input port to which can be connected a cradle upon which to mount an electronic camera, such that, when said electronic camera is mounted on said cradle, said tool automatically starts up an image viewer application so that images from said electronic camera can be viewed.

27. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

- a data input to connect to at least one of a camera and a memory device;

- a display which permits image files to be displayed;

- a user interface which allows a user to have image data displayed on said display, select one or more desired images, and to indicate one of a homepage creation and a homepage update using the selected desired images, including, if a new homepage is being created, allowing the user to select a layout format; and

- an output to permit a generated homepage or homepage update to be transmitted to a memory device to store said generated homepage or homepage update,

- wherein said apparatus automatically performs the selected one of the creation and the update of a homepage using the desired image after the one or more desired images are selected and the beginning of the homepage creation process is indicated by the user, and,

when the user selects a plurality of desired images and indicates beginning of the homepage creation process, the selected images are sequentially presented individually in a predetermined order to said user to allow said user to add comments before a homepage format of said image is generated that will automatically place said image into said selected layout format, if a new homepage is being created, or into an existing homepage layout, if an existing homepage is being updated.

28. (New) A system, comprising:

an apparatus in accordance with claim 27; and
a server selectively interconnected to said apparatus to store said homepages received from said apparatus and to selectively transmit said homepages to viewers upon request.

29. (New) The system of claim 28, further comprising:

a cradle upon which to mount an electronic camera, said cradle selectively connectable to said apparatus, such that, when said electronic camera is mounted on said cradle, said apparatus automatically starts up an image viewer application so that images from said electronic camera can be viewed.